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Doug Kellum is in center of picture. To his right is a man who was a Vietnamese pilot. To his left is a Cambodian or Indonesian/Malay parentage. He swam underwater across a river to reach Vietnam while Khmer Rouge soldiers fired at him from the banks.

Boatloads Of Friends Wait In Thailand For Doug Kellum

By Tim Nicholas
Doug Kellum of Tutwiler, Miss., makes friends by the boatload.

These friends are Vietnamese refugees who have escaped that Southeast Asian country by boat and have ended up on a tiny island off the coast of Thailand waiting for sponsorship.

Doug, a combat veteran in Vietnam who returned there to serve two years as a Southern Baptist Journeyman making peace, is about to make his second trip to Thailand to work with the refugees.

He'll be a special project worker for the Foreign Mission Board doing refugee relief work with the Vietnamese

in one camp and with Cambodians in two others.

His first relief work was in 1975. The last day of April that year when Saigon fell to the Communists, Doug got a call from the Foreign Mission Board.

He was asked to go help in a refugee camp that was to be set up at Ft. Chaffee, Ark. He dropped out of seminary and stayed in Arkansas seven months, teaching survival English, later doing sponsorship work.

Back in seminary long enough to earn his master of religious education degree and do part of his work toward a master's degree in divinity, Doug was asked in December of 1976 to go to

Thailand for more refugee work with career missionaries.

The Cambodian camps have about 2,000 and 500 people. The Vietnamese camp has about 500, a number that should begin rising, according to Doug and which is only adequate for about 200. It has held as many as 1,400.

The camps are financed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Relief through the Thai government which administers the camps. All are in restricted situations—people behind barbed wire and armed guards.

Throughout Thailand are about 100,000 refugees, more than 15 camps in all. Doug explained that all the religious groups in the country go together and apportioned the camps among themselves. "We have three plus another near Malaysia primarily because we have missionaries in these areas," said Doug.

Baptists began in early 1975 giving food to refugees, got more involved and continued to work with the government. "We do a lot of personal errands for them," said Doug, "like contacting relatives and delivering mail."

Laem Sing, the Vietnamese camp was where Doug spent much of his time during his first trip to Thailand. "We would supply plastic for the roofs," of the houses the refugees had

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Nevada Area Baptists Form State Convention

By Don Hepburn
Communications Director
California Convention

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The Nevada Area Baptist Convention will become the 34th state convention to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention as the result of a day and a half constituting meeting held here recently.

The formation of the new convention, held at the Redrock Baptist Church here, came 30 years to the week after the first Southern Baptist church was organized in the state.

The Nevada convention is comprised of 75 churches and missions representing nearly 14,000 members. Previously Nevada Southern Baptists in the southern part of the state were affiliated with the Arizona Baptist

Convention and those in the northern half of the state cooperated with the California Baptist Convention.

During the marathon constituting convention, nearly 300 messengers approved appointment of an executive director, approved a \$376,000 budget, elected officers, and decided on a site for the convention's offices.

Executive Elected

Ernest B. Myers of Phoenix, Ariz., was elected as the convention's first executive director.

Myers, currently serves as Director of Assembly Development for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. He expects to assume leadership of the Nevada convention on January 1, 1979, when the convention officially begins operating. He is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Messengers accepted with little debate a proposed \$376,206 operating budget. The first budget earmarks 10

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Music Features Dot MBC

By Jim Keith, Chairman
Committee on Order of Business

The Southern Baptist Churches of Mississippi are presently selecting messengers to represent them at the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson on November 14-15.

These selected messengers, after registering upon arrival at the primary site of the Convention, Jackson's First Baptist Church, will constitute the official body responsible for transacting items of business which will be considered at this year's meeting.

The state convention is more than a business session, however, and the messengers participating in November will be continually inspired by the voices of many outstanding musicians. The featured singers for this 143rd session are Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, a husband and wife team from New Orleans, Louisiana.

They have been heard in over 1,000 concerts, revivals, and related engagements during the past 14 years. They bring to the Convention a wide range of training and experience including music ministries in local churches, teaching in Baptist colleges and seminaries, New York City Opera, Radio City Music Hall, Riverside Church and Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, to mention a few.

Clint is currently chairman of the Church Music Division at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also teaches voice and related subjects. This year's program will provide the attending messengers seven opportunities to hear these gifted singers.

Many excellent Mississippi musicians will be involved in this year's program. Leading in periods of congregational praise will be Marc Beaver, First Bap-



tist Church, Pascagoula; Wilson Henderson, First Baptist Church, Columbus; Jim Watson, First Baptist Church, Picayune; Neill Harris, First Baptist Church, McComb; Lloyd Mims, Collins Baptist Church, Collins; and George McFadin, First Baptist Church, Oxford.

The Blue Mountain College Singers and the Mississippi College Concert Choir will be featured during the Convention. Special musical segments will be provided by Susan Lamkin of the Forest Baptist Church, Forest, and the "Churchmen Bells" and a brass ensemble which are both composed of ministers of music from within the state.

The Convention instrumentalists will be Becky Payne, organist, and Eva Hart, pianist, both from First Baptist Church, Jackson.

As the Committee on Order of Business completes its plans for the '78 gathering, it challenges the Baptists of our state to begin now making preparation to attend what promises to be a "well-tuned" convention.

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Students Vote \$50,000 For BSU Missions Budget

Compiled from reports by Carol Cole of Mississippi State, and Lamar Jackson and Judy Shelton of Northeast Mississippi Junior College.

Ralph Winders, director of the department of Student Work for Mississippi Baptists told a gathering of college and university students during the annual Baptist Student Convention that God is saying to Christians that "I need human signposts to point the way," to God.

The convention, meeting in Jackson

at Broadmoor and Woodland Hills Baptist Churches, was designed to conform to the theme, "Following Christ's Way." "Signpost" training

was offered all through the convention. Students set an example of following Christ's way by accepting a budget

of \$50,000 which will support as many as 75 of their number in summer missions and give Baptist Student Unions aid in completing their own mission projects.

This money will be raised by students and given to support 51 students in home mission projects in 24 state conventions, four students in foreign countries, three in Mississippi projects, plus 12 more assignments not yet firmied up with the Home Mission Board and a request to the Foreign Mission Board for five more foreign assignments.

Charles Roselle, secretary for student work at the Sunday School Board, told students that they and their predecessors have been involved for many years in what has come to be called Bold Mission Thrust. "We're

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Ralph Winders, left, receives a plaque from Charles Roselle of the Sunday School Board. Winders retires next year as director of student work for Mississippi Baptists after 21 years of service here.

HMB Business

Evangelism Restructured; Mississippians Appointed

ATLANTA — A budget of just over \$32 million was adopted by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the fall meeting of its board of directors.

In addition, the directors approved a restructuring of the Evangelism Section, elected several new staffers and shifted responsibilities of others, and appointed 25 new missionaries including a former Mississippi couple.

The new evangelism structure places two division-level programs.

In implementing the restructuring, directors elected Fred White, director of evangelism and church administration of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, as director of the direct evangelism division. They also promoted Joe Ford from director of the department of evangelism development to director of the new division of evangelism development.

In other departments of the board, four persons were elected to staff posi-

tions, two promoted to new responsibilities, four shifted to a newly-created research division, and one announced his retirement.

Staff positions went to Clay Price, who will be missions researcher in the newly-created research division; Ernest Kelly, Jr., who will be a regional coordinator; Chan Cousins Garrett, who will be associate director of the department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists, and William Daniel, Jr., who will be director of data processing services.

Carlisle Driggers was promoted from associate director of the department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists to a regional coordinator, replacing retiring J. N. Evans. Lyndon Collings, assistant to the director of the missions section, was promoted to assistant director of the

missions section in a redefining of that job.

Shifted to new responsibilities because of the creation of the research division were Orrin Morris, Leonard Hinton, Phil Jones, and Kirk Hadaway.

Morris, a regional coordinator since 1972, will head the research division which was created by directors at the March board meeting. The division becomes effective Jan. 1, 1979.

As director, Morris will coordinate the work of the division in planning, organizing, staffing, budgeting, evaluating and improving the efficiency of the agency.

Jones will be the research division's planning researcher. Hinton will be the evangelism services researcher. And Hadaway will be research associate for data development.

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Brogan Inaugural

Dick Brogan, in his inaugural address, Oct. 14, as president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, told the congregation that the seminary must continue to strive for the highest of academic standards. "We must move toward accreditation... and we must construct adequate building facilities," he said.

It's a question of survival, he said, the basic question being, "How do you present the contents of faith to contemporary man and keep him listening?"

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is jointly operated by black and white Baptist conventions in the state. It has a central center in Jackson and 22 extension centers in various parts of Mississippi.

Baptist Missionary To Reenter Uganda

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll, Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda, are now in Nairobi but he plans to return to Uganda at the conclusion of a two-week leadership conference.

James E. Hampton, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Eastern Africa, said he knows of no anti-American actions in Uganda in the past week (Oct. 9-16).

(Ugandan President Idi Amin had been quoted in wire service reports as saying that he would retaliate against Americans living in Uganda because of President Carter's action signing a bill to prohibit U.S. trade with Uganda. The new law affects the sale of Ugandan coffee to the United States and the sale of American technological goods to Uganda.)

Hampton said the Carrolls have been in Nairobi for several days preparing for Mrs. Carroll to return to Florida for family medical reasons.

Carroll will remain in Kenya through Nov. 3 for the leadership conference for missionaries and national Baptist leaders in 10 countries of Eastern and Southern Africa.

The other missionary couple assigned to Uganda, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice, are on furlough in Virginia.

Search For Successor To Cauthen Begins

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A 15-member search committee headed by M. Hunter Riggins Jr. of Poquoson, Va., was named Oct. 11 to begin seeking the person who will succeed Baker J. Cauthen as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board when he retires at the end of 1979.

Joe N. McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., was one of those named.

The committee, appointed at the board's annual meeting in Richmond, was asked to bring a progress report to the board's April meeting in Kansas City and a full report at the August or October meetings.

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happy that the Southern Baptist Convention has caught with BSU. I have a hunch that Bold Mission Thrust was born and bred in the briarpatch of BSU."

We said that this last year 4,295 BSUers spent a week or more in mission projects.

Students heard from the president of the Southern Baptist Convention that God is not limited by numbers. Said Jimmy Allen, also pastor of San Antonio, Tex., First Baptist Church, that whether he has 12 or 120 or 300, "he uses what he has." How else, said Allen, "could 13,000,000 Southern Baptists confront the world with the gospel?"

Allen used the scripture reference of Sam. 14 where Jonathan was ready to go invade the Philistine army. "We do not live in a Christian nation," Allen said. "There is no Christian nation. We live in a land ruled by the Philistines."

He said that the cry "I don't have anybody" is coming from the ghetto, the singles' bar, the college campus, and the high school "calls our attention to the fact that the Philistines are in control of the land and cannot meet the needs of man."

Allen told of his own church feeding about 100 people each day with no conditions laid down. "We need to be demonstrative of the Christian lifestyle. The world doesn't understand the Christian lifestyle without demonstration," he said.

If Jesus were coming tomorrow, Allen asked, "where would you be going to meet him?" That would be wherever someone is hurting and hungry. "Isn't that where we're supposed to be?" he asked.

Curtis Burge, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenwood, asked the question, "Is following Christ's way worth the cost?" He told them "Be willing to give up what you have if the value you could gain is greater."

Burge said that "Too often we look too long at the price instead of the merchandise."

He told the students that they must be alert in order to find the promises and directions from God. He said that there is a divine demand for us to act and to delay is disastrous. "The work of the Kingdom is all action," he said.

Bible study leader for the convention was Bill Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. In one of his several sessions with the students he

talked about prayer. "Be yourself in prayer," he said. "Don't try to copy others. Pray, keeping in mind it is a conversation between you and God."

He told the group that prayer is not pestering God. Instead, it is demonstrating to God that he has an open vessel in which to work.

Among the small group sessions were topics including How to Witness, The Christian Woman in Today's World, and Deepening Interpersonal Relationships. Jim Keith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, led a session on the Biblical View of Sex.

He told the group that God's way is always the best way. "If you don't do things God's way, they will always have less than the best results," he said.

Kith outlined basic precepts of sex in the Bible and pulled out several points which make for a good relationship with one's mate. "Be prepared to give of yourself what you expect from your mate," he said. He told the group to be faithful to one's mate "even if the two of you have never met."

And he added that God will let you find your mate in time. "Be patient and be faithful," he said.

Another session which offered an indication that not following God's way will make for less than the best results was one led by Chester Swor, lecturer

from Jackson. "If we do not go into God's chosen vocation, that does not mean we won't be a success," said Swor. "It just means that we won't be fulfilling God's chief purpose for us on earth."

Swor, leading the session on vocational choices, said that "no other plan in the world is just like yours." It is unique. When God has not yet revealed his will, said Swor, it could be a test of faith. It could be God is "waiting to the appropriate time in your life so when revealed it will make the greatest revelation."

He suggested that while waiting for this revelation, "continue through college. What you major in will more likely work well with whatever God's choice is for your life. Don't turn back. And get the best preparation possible."

Swor said, "Submit to God's will even before you know it. He will reveal it in time when you are ready to let him take over."

Swor, who was final speaker for the student convention, later told the entire group that he had once been asked triple bypass heart surgery.

He and his sister flew directly to her home in Chattanooga, TN where he will be recuperating for the next few weeks.

King, who is director of the Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, plans to be back in his office on Monday following the Thanksgiving holidays.

Telephone communication indicates that he is doing well. His address in Tennessee is: Kermit S. King, c/o J. S. Goodlet, 3933 S. Mission Oak Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37412.

The telephone number there is (615) 867-3855.



This is the church at Laem Sing refugee camp in Thailand. The Christians in the camp built it in ten days. The words on the walls mean truth and peace. Next week's Baptist Record will explain procedures for refugee sponsorship.

Boatloads Of Friends

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the outflow of refugees has diminished, boats have been turned away."

He said that of the more than 430 people who had become Christians in the Vietnamese camp, only one that he knew of had been sponsored by a Southern Baptist family. He said that refugees in Thailand are being sponsored mostly by Catholics and Lutherans.

Doug Kellum was born and reared in Tutwiler. He attended Mississippi College and went straight into Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He said he felt out of place there at the time and entered the Army as an officer. He went to Vietnam as an advisor for Vietnamese troops.

"This is where my leanings toward serving overseas came in," said Doug. "I had considered stateside Christian work since high school." When time



Seminary Opens Drive For \$350,000 Building Fund

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary announces the beginning of a \$350,000 Building Fund Drive according to Hickman Johnson, chairman of the trustees board of the Seminary. Pictured are Dan Bennett, architect; S. L. Bowman, development officer; Dick Brogan, president, and Hickman Johnson, chairman of the board.

Johnson said that "for more than three decades Mississippi Baptist Seminary has trained workers for the Christian Church. Some of the nation's most outstanding churchmen are graduates of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. To continue this fine tradition, we will need your support."

The Campaign will provide funds to erect modern facilities on West Lynch Street for the 35-year-old institution. The administrative offices would be named for T. B. Brown, the fourth

president. The Library will bear the name of W. P. Davis, third president. The Chapel-Preaching Laboratory will be constructed in memory of William A. Keel, the second president. The Herbert L. Lang Classroom building will honor the first president.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a jointly sponsored educational ministry of National and Southern Baptists. Over \$200,000 is given each year by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and National Baptist Conventions, associations, churches, and individuals.

Dick Brogan, newly inaugurated as president of the seminary reports that plans are underway to use black and white lay volunteers for much of the labor in building the facility.

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percent of receipts from churches of \$13,500 to go toward the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Name Affirmed

During consideration of a proposed constitution, a mild debate centered around the official name for the convention. Questions are raised as to why the word "area" was included in the name.

Messengers learned that although Nevada was hemmed in on four sides by organized Southern Baptist state conventions, churches outside the state would be participating with the

Kermit King Recuperating In Tennessee

Kermit King was discharged Oct. 15 from Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson after having had triple bypass heart surgery.

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Nevada convention. These included churches within the borders of California, Idaho and Utah.

After considerable discussion and two nearly split (voice and standing) votes, the group accepted the name The Nevada Area Baptist Convention of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A. Rudy Duett, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Reno, was elected president. Tom Bacon, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Hawthorne, was elected vice-president.

Duett had been serving as moderator of the Nevada Baptist Fellowship.

The convention voted to designate Reno as the headquarters city for the new state convention offices. In a committee report Tom Bacon of Hawthorne explained the difficulty his committee had in making a decision. Early sentiment had been for two state offices. This, he said, was due to the vast land area of the state.

Bacon noted that studies indicated the majority of the population resided in one of the two metropolitan areas, Reno and Las Vegas. The committee's consensus was to select Reno because of its near central location and accessibility by highway and air transportation. The messengers concurred.

Woman's Missionary Union

Mrs. Helen Fling, a Woman's Missionary Union worker with the Home Mission Board, reported the formation of a WMU organization for the new convention. WMU leaders from across the state named Mrs. Sandra Hall of Las Vegas as acting president and Mrs. Evelyn Newell of Fernley as recording secretary.

Evangelism Restructured

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Missionaries appointed by directors include nine to career positions, seven as missionary associates and nine as mission pastors to receive financial aid.

Randy and Anne Foster of Carbondale, Colo., have Mississippi ties. The two will serve as Christian social ministries missionaries in the Jackson area of Wyoming.

Foster, a native of La Grange, Ga., is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds a master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

Prior to appointment, he was pastor of Roaring Fork Baptist Church in Carbondale and taught at Colorado Mountain College. He also worked in a resort missions pilot project for the Home Mission Board in Estes Park, Colo., as well as serving as a summer missionary.

Anne Lane Foster, a native of Greenville, Miss., is a Mississippi College graduate. She has worked as teacher, legal secretary and summer missionary for the Home Mission Board.

Other career appointments include Dion Ainsworth to Dallas to serve as director of leadership training for the Christian social ministries department of the Home Mission Board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas;

Larry and Kitty Keaton to New England where he will be a Spanish language catalytic missionary; Ray and Mihi Savage to Pearl Bridge, Oahu, Hawaii, as church extension church starters; and Marvin and Betty Settle to Richmond, Va., where he will direct Christian social ministries.

Washington County Baptists Build California Church In One Week

In August, 14 men and one woman from the Washington Baptist Association traveled to Oakhurst, Calif. to help a developing mission build a house of worship. The group was met in Fresno, by the pastor of the mission. Floyd Looney, (retired Annuity Board Representative for California Baptists and former editor of the California Baptist paper. The mission, the First Baptist Church of Oakhurst shows promise of growth and development in this town and area of around 8,000 people, located in the midst of a developing resort area which will bring in many more people in the years to come. The immediate need of more building space (the congregation is meeting in a trailer chapel) was beyond the ability of the limited number of local members and so opened the opportunity for our men to make a significant contribution through their skills and labor in helping to erect a spacious and adequate building (104' x 34').

The local members, with help from Baptist men from Fresno churches, had poured the slab and put up the wall stabs prior to our arrival. Taking the building at that stage, the team from Washington County constructed and raised into position by hand the roof trusses (53 in all), put on about three-quarters of the roof decking, walled in the educational end of the building plus the front wall, wired the major portion of the educational end of the building and installed the heating and air conditioning units with most of the duct work in the educational end. (No small task by any means for one week of time.)



Left to right back row: Milton Jarnagin — Alexander Memorial Hollandale, C. D. Reese — Southside Baptist, Greenville, R. L. VanNorman — First Baptist, Greenville; Robert Haney — Southside Baptist, Benoit; Frank Hope — First Baptist, Leland. Second row: Oliver Thrash, Harold Germany, and Bob Morgan — Greenfield Baptist, Greenville; Bill Smiley — First Baptist, Greenville; R. L. Hogue — Southside Baptist, Greenville; Seated: Mrs. Oliver Thrash — Greenfield Baptist, Greenville; Rudon Laney — Emmanuel, Greenville; Dan Hall — Second Baptist, Greenville; Bob Fulmer, Sr. — First Baptist, Greenville.

ity knew the team was there to serve the Lord.

In addition to the construction work on the building the team worshipped with several groups. On Sunday morning the major portion of the team worshipped with the mission teaching in Sunday School and leading in the worship service. The morning service packed the house or trailer with one Sunday School class meeting outside on an outcropping of rock in the shade of a large tree. A few others worshipped with the Harvard Terrace Baptist Church in Fresno, the sponsoring church of the Oakhurst Mission. Still another led in the service at the Easton Baptist Church near Fresno.

On Sunday afternoon several of the team members accompanied Looney to a meeting of a group of Indians in the mountain area near Oakhurst where he hopes that a permanent Indian mission can be established.

By Wednesday evening the progress on the building was far enough along to enable the team and local members to hold a mid-week prayer service in the educational end of the building. One of the members of the Mission said, "We do not ordinarily get to have mid-week prayer service and Oh! what a thrill it was for us to have the first service in our new building as a Prayer Service of Thanksgiving."

Five Missionaries Return To Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — Five Southern Baptist missionary personnel who evacuated to Jordan during the recent intense fighting in Beirut have returned, as the battle-worn city once again has become relatively quiet.

Back in Beirut are the Mack L. Sacco family, the James P. Craigmyles, and Russell Wayne Futrell, a missionary journeyman. The Tome R. Hayes family and the J. Wayne Fullers, who left Oct. 15, remained outside the country. Another missionary family may decide to leave if the American school which their children attend does not reopen.

In a telephone conversation with J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and

South Asia, Fuller said the six missionaries who remained in the country were unharmed but had been confined to their homes several times.

In a letter to her daughter in the United States, Anne Hutchison McConnell, a volunteer teacher who was among those who remained in Beirut, reported periodic loss of electricity and water service. Mrs. McConnell said she slept several nights in the interior hall away from the possible path of stray bullets and broken glass.

No property damage was reported to Baptist churches but the home of one Baptist family, Dr. and Mrs. Peter J. Manoogian, was hit. Thousands are homeless from the fighting. Baptist relief efforts include distribution of food and other necessities along with rebuilding homes.

These 12 pastors will be accom-

Mississippi Women Volunteer For Mission Projects In Hawaii

HONOLULU — To kick off "Baptist Women's Year in the Church," 22 women and one man — including three Mississippi women — spent seven days in mission involvement in Hawaii.

Carolyn Ellis of Greenwood, Martha Nelson of Pelahatchie, and Leila Mae Webb of Pascagoula were among the volunteers who worked in mission projects, witnessed on the beach and taught WMU leadership training as

part of the kick-off for Woman's Missionary Union's theme for 1978-79.

"Our objective was to strengthen women's work in Hawaii," said Laura Fry, Home Board evangelism consultant for women. Miss Fry and Mrs. Nelson coordinated the mission experience.

Sue Nishikawa, associate director of missions for Hawaii, said the volunteers gave new emphasis to women's work in the islands and noted the eight

WMU leadership conferences held on four Hawaiian islands were well attended.

Most volunteers paid their own way; some churches paid for their representatives. One woman said her husband brought home 40 U. S. Savings Bonds — 10 years savings — for her to make the trip.

Another woman who had worked in Alaska for four weeks before joining the group in Hawaii, said she had

made and frozen 70 sandwiches for her husband's lunches.

The volunteers represented a diversity of backgrounds: a farmer's wife who drives a tractor, hauls beans, and herds cattle; an accountant; the owner of an employment agency and telephone answering service; three pastors' wives; a textile factory weaver; a Weight-Watcher instructor; and a woman who says she pumps gas and makes hot dogs in the family business.

November Retreat Will Train Associational Acteens Officers

The Associational Acteens Officers' Retreat to be held at Camp Garaywa Nov. 17 and 18 will feature three guest speakers. They are Mrs. Donald Phlegar, missionary to Thailand; David Myers, Home Board missionary working in Jackson; and Beverly Sutton, Acteens consultant for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

The purpose of the retreat is to train associational Acteens officers and directors, and to offer fellowship and inspiration. The cost will be \$10 per person.

Registration will begin Friday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m. The retreat will end Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m.

Barbara Anne Carley Phlegar was born in Yazoo City and graduated from Mississippi College and Carver School of Missions and Social Work (now merged with Southern Seminary). She and her husband, appointed as missionaries to Thailand in 1967, were stationed in Chonburi, but are now in Mississippi on furlough. Before going



Phlegar



Myers

overseas they had a 10-year international ministry to California as Home Board missionaries.

David Myers is director of Christian Social Ministries of Hinds-Madison Association. Before appointment by the Home Mission Board in 1975 he was pastor of Center Terrace Church, Canton. He is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. His wife is the former Brenda Hooks of Greenwood.

Beverly Sutton helps to plan Acteens work and travels widely to promote the work. Prior to going to work with WMU, SBC, she was youth director at First Church, Amarillo, Tex. A native of Texas, she obtained a B.S. degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor and M. E. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Each participant in the retreat should bring sheets for single bed, or sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, towel, wash cloth, sports clothes, Bible, Acteens materials, and money for snacks.

For further information, write Becky Briscoe, Acteens consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Bangkok, Thailand — Orientation for the 100,000 freshmen at Ramkhamhaeng University, Asia's largest University, took place over television. Baptists took advantage of the situation and purchased the first minute of television time following the orientation. A 20-slide series dealt with the city's hugeness, masses of students on campus, crowded classrooms, fear of adjustment, study frustrations, loneliness, depression and where to go for help. A book on "How To Study" was offered free and those who applied for it also received Christian literature and information about Christian groups on campus.

Mrs. R. B. Gunter, 83, widow of a former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died Oct. 12 in Jackson. Death came as a result of a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gunter lived near Florence. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Florence, and was buried in the Florence cemetery. She is survived by step-children and step-grandchildren. A step-daughter lives in Birmingham, Ala., and step-son lives in Marks. Mrs. Gunter was a school teacher and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy South.

Her husband was executive secretary of the Convention Board from Jan. 1, 1922 through 1939. He lived in retirement near Florence for more than 20 years. His first wife preceded him in death by many years.

While Gunter was pastor in Louisville, Miss., he initiated a program percentage giving to missions in his church and then was a member of the Southern Baptist Convention committee that recommended the beginning of the Cooperative Program in 1925.

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Her husband was executive secretary of the Convention Board from Jan. 1, 1922 through 1939. He lived in retirement near Florence for more than 20 years. His first wife preceded him in death by many years.

While Gunter was pastor in Louisville, Miss., he initiated a program percentage giving to missions in his church and then was a member of the Southern Baptist Convention committee that recommended the beginning of the Cooperative Program in 1925.



Cherry Creek Will Dedicate Sanctuary

Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc County, will on Oct. 29 dedicate its new church building. The recently completed facility includes an auditorium and educational complex housing classrooms, office, library, kitchen, and fellowship hall. The Oct. 29 program will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Dedication service will be at 11, dinner at 12, and afternoon worship at 1:30. Guest speakers will be Robert Hamblin, president of The Mississippi Baptist Convention, and J. C. Mitchell, tri-county director of missions (Columbus). Joe Herndon is pastor; Leighton Harkness is Building Committee Chairman; Ralph Kolb was contractor.

Representatives Of SPEBSQSA Will Be At Brotherhood Rally

Featured speaker for the Baptist Brotherhood Rally, Nov. 13, at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson, will be Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Henry, from 1963-65 a Mississippi pastor (Hollywood church at Sledge), was also pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., prior to going to Florida and earlier, from 1960-63, was pastor of Mt. Pisgah church in Melvin, Ala.

A native of Nashville, Henry is a graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky and earned the bachelor and master of divinity degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

He has been a trustee of both the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board and has participated in a number of civic activities.

Jim and his wife, Jeanette Sue have three children.

The after-dinner speaker for the Brotherhood banquet at 5:30 p.m. which precedes the service that even-

ing, is William Thorn, president of Dallas Baptist College.

A widely-traveled after-dinner speaker, Thorn is a native of McAlester, Okla. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, which also awarded him the honorary doctor of divinity degree. He earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Thorn has been pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Wichita, Kans., Calvary Church, Lubbock, Tex., and First Baptist Church, Panhandle, Tex.

Musicians for the evening will be the Hometown Reunion for the banquet and Clint Nichols for the service.

The Hometown Reunion is a barbershop quartet based in Jackson. They are registered with the SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.)

The group, which performs at various civic, religious and Barbershop functions throughout the South is com-

Search For Successor

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Cauthen, who has guided Southern Baptist foreign missions in its period of greatest growth, will continue to serve through 1979. He will reach the board's mandatory retirement age of 70 on Dec. 20, 1979.

Six laypeople and nine clergymen make up the search committee. Four women are among its members. All are members of the Foreign Mission Board. It was appointed by Board President William L. Self in consultation with the two board vice presidents at the initiation of Cauthen.

Members in addition to Riggins and McKeever include Raymond L. Spence Jr. of Richmond; Joyce (Mrs. James A.) Ponder of Jacksonville, Fla.; Doris (Mrs. Ray) Mullendore of Bowling Green, Ky.; James F. Sawyer of Benton, Ark.;

Also, John W. Goodwin of Kansas City, Mo.; Joe E. Trull of Garland, Tex.; Trevis Otey of Jackson, Tenn.; Wynk (Mrs. L. G.) Hicks of Clarksville, Ga.; Travis S. Berry of Plains, Texas; John W. Patterson of Richmond; Evelyn (Mrs. J. E.) Collette of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Lonnie

H. Shull Jr. of West Columbia, S. C.; and Charles T. Carter of Birmingham, Ala.

When Cauthen became the board's chief executive officer Jan. 1, 1954, Southern Baptists had 908 missionaries in 33 countries and a budget of \$9.2 million. Today more than 2,800 missionaries are at work in more than 90 countries or territories and the board has just approved a 1979 budget of over \$71 million.

A native of Lufkin, Texas, Cauthen served more than eight years as secretary for the Orient before assuming his present position. He and Mrs. Cauthen, the former Eloise Glass, were missionaries to China from 1939 until his election to the area secretary's post.

In September, 1977, Cauthen suffered a heart attack while speaking at Jackson Way Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala. He had recovered from the attack and resumed his duties last April when he contracted the shingles, handicapping him for several months during 1978. But this fall he has again begun carrying his full load of responsibilities.

The Mission Task Responsible Giving

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department

In the April, 1978 issue of *The Commission*, Ruth Fowler called attention to a matter that has been of real concern to me in recent months. Extensive television telethons have made dramatic, and sometimes sensational, appeals for stricken, starving people somewhere in the world.

Since Baptists have always responded to need, I feel sure many Baptists, without ever thinking the matter through, send money to these telethons. I am convinced there is a better, more effective and economical way to respond to global hunger and suffering.

Miss Fowler raises five questions that each of us should answer before we let our hearts take us places our heads haven't gone!

1. Will my giving be part of a total witness for Christ?
2. Will it strengthen ongoing Baptist work?
3. How much of my gift will actually be spent on relief?
4. Do I know who is responsible for the use of my gift?
5. Will I be informed about how my gift was used?

I am convinced Baptists have a better, more economical way of responding to hunger and hurt.

First, our foreign missionaries, 2700 of them, spend every penny of your hunger-gift on relief because all promotion and personnel are provided through the Cooperative Program.

Second, our missionaries are interested in more than giving a loaf of bread. They share the living Word!

Third, our missionaries, as they distribute relief funds, are establishing a relationship with the people that could lead to their salvation. They seek to minister to the whole man.

No relief money is spent to pay for expensive television time, buy houses for administrators (as the missionaries have homes), or teach distributors the local language for the missionaries know the language already.

Miss Fowler concludes her convincing article by saying, "Southern Baptists can be assured that when they give through the Foreign Mission Board, whether \$10 or \$10,000, the money given for relief will be spent for relief — relief that is part of a bigger ministry, the sharing of Christ."

All you have to do when your heart is moved to give for relief is to place the gift in the offering plates of your church designated for the country or cause you are wanting to help. Your church treasurer will credit your church giving record, forward the money to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board designated to the Foreign Mission Board for your desired country or Baptist relief cause. If you give \$10 designated to your church, the entire \$10 will reach the missionaries' hands to be used in the name of Christ.

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... for where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20-21).



Young Adult Leaders Will Hear Joe Haynes

Joe Haynes of Nashville will be the main conference leader for a Young Adult Sunday School Leadership Conference at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Nov. 17, 1978.

The leadership conference is for all who lead, direct or teach Young Adults — marrieds, singles, college — in Sunday School.

The conference begins with a banquet at 6 p.m. Reservations for the banquet are being made through the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Following the meal Haynes will

NOVEMBER, 1978

Sunday School	ENROLLMENT FOLLOW-UP, OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 10 Three-week period designed to provide a contact with every new enrollee every week.
Church Training	ATTEND MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATIONAL "M" NIGHT Encourage all Church Training leaders and members to attend Associational "M" Night in November. Purpose of the meeting is to present an overview of Church Training for 1978-79. CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL AND YOUTH BIBLE DRILL Order leaflets for these Bible skill activities from the Mississippi Church Training Department. Secure leadership and plan for intensive promotion beginning in January. Consult Mississippi Diary for Bible Drill Clinics. CONDUCT A "SURVEY OF TRAINING" During November circulate nationally the record of each church elected Church Training worker to determine the books he/she has completed toward the Church Training Leadership Diploma. Seek to establish a goal of at least one additional book award for the year for each worker. This may result in the planning of a special "study course" for one or more groups of age division workers.
Church Music	THANKSGIVING This is a congregational "sermon in song" for Thanksgiving. Brochure available from Church Music Department. HYMN OF THE MONTH "The Cattle on a Thousand Hills" #152.
Brotherhood	ROYAL AMBASSADOR EMPHASIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 5-10 Needed materials available from October-December issue of <i>Brotherhood Builder</i> . Additional copies from state Brotherhood department. OVERNIGHT MISSIONS RETREAT, NOVEMBER 3-4 As a part of Royal Ambassador Week, a church may want to consider an overnight mission retreat. Program suggestions available from state Brotherhood Department. FOREIGN MISSION GRADED SERIES STUDY, NOVEMBER 19-22 Planning materials are in the October-December <i>Brotherhood Builder</i> . Study Guides may be purchased from Baptist Book Store.
Woman's Missionary Union	BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER, NOVEMBER 8 Activity to promote interest in women's work of Baptist World Alliance CHURCHWIDE STUDY OF THE FOREIGN MISSION GRADED SERIES BOOKS, NOVEMBER 19-22 Plans and suggestions for study of evangelism in Brazil and the Philippines given in October-December issue of <i>Dimension</i> magazine.
Church Administration - Pastoral Ministries	REMINDER: NOVEMBER Order literature for January, February, and March.
Stewardship	REMINDERS Continue the annual budget development and subscription emphasis. Distribute stewardship tracts Place articles and testimonies on stewardship development in church publications. Use stewardship filmstrips in department assemblies and worship services.
Evangelism	LOCATE AND CULTIVATE NON-CHRISTIANS Deacons could lead church in praying for and visiting these. CONDUCT LAY EVANGELISM (WED) SCHOOLS A project to train lay people for personal witnessing. GOOD NEWS MISSISSIPPI! Give special attention to organized prayer assignments for Simultaneous Revivals next April.

posed of Bill Lumpkin, baritone; Howard Flowers, lead; Wayne Derrick, tenor; and Charles Stacy, bass.

They report that to support their singing activities, Lumpkin works for an insurance company, Flowers is an attorney, Derrick works for a photography studio, and Stacy operates a wholesale hardware business.

Clint Nichols is chairman of the music department of New Orleans Seminary. He has sung, along with his wife Jarvis Rose, in the New York City Opera and Radio City Music Hall.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, New Orleans Seminary and Florida State University.

He has soloed with the New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra and has sung with the Mississippi Opera Association in the National Opera American Auditions.

Tickets for the banquet, are \$3 per person, available from the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. The service at 7:30 p.m., is open to the public at no charge.

Pontotoc Resolve . . .

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more responsible in teaching the Biblical concepts of sexuality and interpersonal relationships that our young people, knowing the more excellent way of Christian love in marriage, will not be tempted to the bypaths of immoral conduct."

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Editorials

Brotherhood Commission . . .

"If It Works, Don't Fix It"

The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is now without an executive director. Because of this, during the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting in September in Nashville there was a suggestion that the Brotherhood Commission be merged with the Sunday School Board.

The suggestion came from George Bagley, the executive secretary for Alabama Baptists. Dr. Bagley is a man of long experience in the affairs of Southern Baptists, and he has seen the Brotherhood Commission struggling in the face of an apparent lack of interest over the years. His concern for the ongoing witness that this agency has to offer is to be appreciated.

There is no doubt that the Sunday

School Board is a great institution that has a great amount of strength to offer any endeavor that becomes a part of its ministry. But one wonders if those men across the nation who have not shown an immediate interest in the work of the Brotherhood Commission would find their interests sparked if it became a part of the Sunday School Board. Not likely.

This writer would not presume to understand completely why there is not more overt interest shown by men in the affairs of the church and particularly in those activities and programs promoted by the Brotherhood Commission. The word "overt" is used because of the belief that the men who are regular in church attendance pay

more attention than they are given credit for and are more ready than is realized to jump in and help when they see a cause that they think needs their support.

So it doesn't seem that changing the alignment of the Brotherhood Commission to another agency would do a great deal to enhance its ministry. The better thing would seem to be to leave it as it is and look for a new executive director who would be able to build on the foundation already established.

Glendon McCullough provided a spark of new interest when he assumed the office. This spark can be fanned to cause the fire slowly to spread among the men of the churches.

The fact must be faced that by and

large men are not going to be interested in regularly scheduled efforts in addition to the Sunday services. They can be counted on to move in to help when the need is there.

There has to be an ongoing organization in order to have the framework ready for the needs when they arise. Thank God for the men who keep this organization alive month after month and make it work. May their tribe increase. They are the nucleus of the power that is standing by waiting for the word that help is needed.

Let's not upset that applecart. It's working very well as it is. It might not work at all under different circumstances. It might work even better under a new director.

235,000 Is High Attendance Goal . . .

Involvement Necessary For Strength

Total Sunday School attendance in Mississippi Baptist churches this Sunday (Oct. 29) should amount to at least 235,000. This is the goal for High Attendance Day in Mississippi Baptist Sunday Schools for this annual occasion.

And while an attendance of 235,000 should not be at all out of reach for Baptists in Mississippi, it is 22,500 more than we had in Sunday School last year on the same occasion when the goal was 225,000.

High Attendance Day in Sunday School is an annual observance all across the nation as we try to have as many people in Bible study on this Sunday morning as we possibly can. When we realize that resident membership of Mississippi Baptist

churches amounts to almost 500,000 persons, it would seem that a goal of 235,000 would be fairly easily attained. That is about half of the resident membership, and yet we are holding up that figure as a high attendance possibility.

At the risk of being accused of negative thinking, one cannot help but wonder if the Master is pleased with such a situation that we have to set high attendance goals at no more than half of our number. Either Bible study on Sunday morning is a worthwhile endeavor in the name of the Lord, or it is of little consequence. If its main value is to be used to try to have a good attendance in morning worship services, than one could understand why it is

that half of our church members might not be too eager to show up. Why not skip the preliminaries and plan the arrival time for the worship services? Of course, many don't do that either.

On the other hand, if Bible study is a worthwhile endeavor, if it does help us to gain a knowledge that we need in order to be able to understand our Christian nature and to be able to live more complete lives as Christians as well as help others to come to better understanding of their relationship to the Lord, then it is a program worth supporting. Not only should we support it by our attitude, but we should also seek for ourselves those worthwhile things it has to offer by participating in it.

It is hard to understand people who

call themselves Christians and refuse to become involved in programs that would strengthen their Christianity.

Bold Mission Thrust indeed! Are we going to tell our neighbors that we are Christians and then Sunday after Sunday leave our cars in our driveways while we dawdle over coffee and watch Jerry Falwell on television?

If we are going to count at all in being a part of Christ's mission we are going to have to be involved in the gathering that will give us the inner strength and knowledge we need for ourselves and also provide the resources we need to let this faith emanate to those about us.

Sunday School can and will augment the worship services to do these very things.

Guest Opinion . . .

Appreciation Of Gaines S. Dobbins

By S. G. Posey

The word has just come to me of the going of a fellow Mississippian and dear friend, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, to his heavenly home. Though he was seven years older than I, I entered college the year after he graduated from Mississippi College. Because of the story of his conversion experience to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour told by my Latin professor, Dr. A. J. Aven, one day in our class session was such a joy to me then as a student for the ministry of the gospel, he has been an inspiration in my life across the years.

He stood at the top of the list in the field of Christian Religious Education. Southern Baptist life will not be the same without him. May the Lord bless the memory of his life in the lives of all those who knew him and loved him.

He was an atheist when he entered Mississippi College in the early nineteen hundreds. It was fortunate for him that he had to take Latin in those days in order to graduate with a B.A. degree. But more fortunately for him was the fact that he had to take Latin under Dr. Aven. Professor Aven was not a preacher of the gospel, as such, who had changed to the teaching profession, but he was a dynamic personality and dedicated Christian layman in his late fifties or early sixties at that time in his life. He became interested in Gaines as a student personality in his class and especially when he learned that he was (or considered himself to be) an atheist.

Professor Aven introduced Gaines to the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and he became immediately a loyal follower. Gaines has just come to me of the going of a fellow Mississippian and dear friend, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, to his heavenly home. Though he was seven years older than I, I entered college the year after he graduated from Mississippi College. Because of the story of his conversion experience to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour told by my Latin professor, Dr. A. J. Aven, one day in our class session was such a joy to me then as a student for the ministry of the gospel, he has been an inspiration in my life across the years.

of Jesus and faithful witness for him. His approximately 70 years as a believer in and witness for Jesus and an outstanding worker in the kingdom of God has certainly paid rich dividends in the spiritual realm for dear Professor Aven who has been in heaven some 50 years to join the heavenly throng in welcoming Dr. Dobbins to that fair and happy land.

Why am I writing this? Because I have admired and appreciated Dr. Dobbins for his life and work across the years of my own preaching ministry since 1910 and also because of my joy in realizing the joy in heaven when he and his dear wife (who preceded him many years) and Professor Aven and the Lord Jesus meet on the golden streets and in the Father's House of Many Mansions in blessed heavenly fellowship. But the main reason is to present this brief but wonderful story of a life in the field of our Southern Baptist Christian Education.

Do our college professors today have the eternal spiritual welfare of their students at heart as well as their intellectual and academic welfare? It is impossible for a man today to adequately prepare himself for a preaching and pastoral ministry without an adequate college and seminary education.

Do we appreciate Christian Education as we should today or are we just taking it for granted in our way of life?

Some think that the cost of an education in a Christian college such as Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., is too much to face in these days of rising inflationary costs in any private educational institution. Just think, if you will, of the great loss our dear Brother Dobbins could have ex-

perienced in this world and the next and thousands of others would have suffered also if Gaines had not gone to Mississippi College and found the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and become the dynamic Christian that he was and an inspiration in the lives of multiplied thousands in the field of Southern Baptist Christian Education.

Do our college professors today have the eternal spiritual welfare of their students at heart as well as their intellectual and academic welfare? It is impossible for a man today to adequately prepare himself for a preaching and pastoral ministry without an adequate college and seminary education.

A call to preach the gospel of our blessed Lord is a call to prepare to preach that gospel to the limit of one's ability. And a tax supported institution of higher learning is not, as a rule, the place for a student for the ministry of the gospel.

Also our churches today need members and leaders who have gone all the way in attaining an education and preparation for life's opportunities and challenges in a Christian environment. Inflationary costs of living should never rule out the desire or need for an adequate Christian education for anyone.

Dr. Dobbins is an excellent illustration of the need and place for higher

Christian education in the lives of our youth today. He went from the ranks of an anti-God and unbeliever in Jesus to the work of a dedicated, educated believer in Jesus who gave all seventy years of his Christian life to a consecrated service for his Saviour who gave His all for him on Calvary's cross! God give us more Gaines Dobbins in the Freshman classes of our Southern Baptist colleges all over America every year for the rest of the way in this troubled world.

California and our Southern Baptist fellowship in the state were richly blessed by the ministry of dear Dr. Dobbins for several years in his ministry on the faculty of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley after he retired from his long and glorious professorship on the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The impact of his life and teaching is felt and seen in many of our churches whose pastors and leaders were students of his at Golden Gate Seminary in those days. We should never cease to be grateful for his life and ministry throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and for his influence in our world for the gospel of our dear Saviour.

S. G. Posey is executive secretary emeritus of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Congress Defeats Tax Credit

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — In an action hailed by opponents of tuition tax credits, Congress killed two last-minute efforts to enact such legislation before adjourning for the year.

Final defeat for the controversial proposal came on the last day of the 95th Congress as two conference committees, hoping to avoid President Carter's veto, refused to vote out tuition tax credits in the final versions of two separate bills.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, praised the actions, noting that they came "in spite of mounting pressures for tax cuts, especially for 'middle class' Americans."

Rather than achieve significant tax relief for those who need it, tuition tax credits "would have provided multi-billion dollar subsidies for private and parochial elementary, secondary, and post secondary schools without restriction," said Wood, a leader of a

broadly-based coalition opposing tax credits.

Earlier this year, both houses of Congress passed different versions of the tuition tax credit measure. On June 1, the House of Representatives approved a bill providing for tax credits both for college tuition and tuition paid to nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. The Senate adopted a measure August 15 approving college credits but rejecting the benefit for parents of elementary and secondary pupils attending parochial schools.

The actions marked a reversal in Congress' past performance with similar proposals. Six times previously the Senate had approved tuition tax credits for all levels, while the House, in each instance, rejected the proposals across the board.

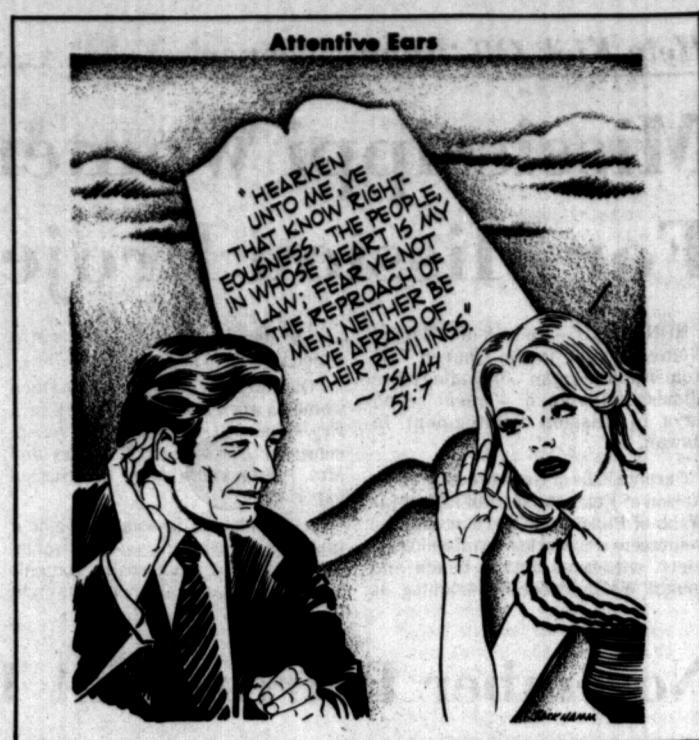
Sen. Russell Long, D-La., according to a reliable congressional source, was the key figure in killing tuition tax credit. Long reportedly warned conferees that President Carter would stand by his threat to veto both the tuition tax

credit measure and the tax cut bill itself if Congress insisted on including the credit in the larger bill.

Both Carter and Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano had warned repeatedly that the president would veto tuition tax credits for both constitutional and fiscal reasons.

Wood praised Congress for defeating both measures. "Not to have done so would have seriously threatened American public policy as it applies to use of public funds for church schools," he said.

Wood warned, however, that "renewed efforts will be made again to enact tuition tax credit legislation." Proponents of such efforts have, in fact, pledged to renew the struggle when Congress reconvenes in January. "All such legislation should be resisted as financially inequitable, bad public policy, and incompatible with the guarantees for a free and democratic society," Wood said.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A Time To Play

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Or Jill a dull girl? More and more I am convinced that it's important to take time for relaxation and recreation.

When Mama wrote me recently that Miss Vocater had died, I thought of the fun I had in 1938 playing with her children. Actually she was Mrs. Vocater, for she was married to Mr. Wes, and was the mother of ten. The year they lived a half-mile down the hill from us, five were still home and the others were in and out on weekends.

I was nine and my sister Betty was six. Martha must have been 14 or 15. Dot and Helen were in my age range, and Betty Jo and Charles were nearer Betty's age.

If Mama asked Betty and me to sweep her yard, it sounded like work. But if we could help the Reardens sweep theirs, it was play. No grass covered our yards then; the bare ground was kept neat with brush brooms, limbs cut from supple bushes and tied together with strings.

When seven of us were sweeping (they made the little brother, Charles, help, too), we would cross the yard in rows, one behind the other. That way it didn't take long to finish the whole yard. We worked very carefully around the petunia beds and the rose bushes.

Their house had four rooms — three bedrooms and a kitchen, plus the front porch. In the winter it was heated with two fireplaces. When it was too cold to stay outdoors we would go into the back bedroom and produce plays. This room had two double beds in it and a wooden shutter at the window. Since there was no closet, clothes hung around the walls on nails.

We would use one double bed for the stage and the audience would sit on the other bed. Costumes were to be had by just reaching up and choosing something from the wall. Usually Martha was emcee. Sometimes I made up the script.

One November day it turned very cold, so Daddy and Mr. Wes both killed hogs. Betty and I spent the night with the Reardens. Next morning we

squeezed onto a wooden bench beside the long kitchen table, trying to answer all the riddles everybody was asking. Miss Vocater served scrambled brains for breakfast, and fresh sausage with biscuits, and syrup made from Mr. Wes's cane.

In the spring we walked barefoot on the sandy bottoms of gullies. Helen tried hard to teach me to turn a cartwheel, but finally gave up. Martha climbed to the top of a slender green sapling and swung it down to be our horse.

That summer Daddy built us a flying jenny. He cut down a tree and fastened a long plank across the stump in a way that it would go round and round, like a merry-go-round, instead of up and down like a see-saw. There was a handle on each end, to hang onto until you got so dizzy you either fell off or got sick.

In the woods we made playhouses, partitioned with rows of pine straw. For hats and belts we pinned leaves together with sharp little sticks. We found a waterfall. At the top was a bowl-shaped indentation in the rocks where we took turns sitting as the water poured around us and over the tiny precipice that formed the fall.

We walked to Cousin Ophelia's house to play her ancient organ, the kind you pumped with your feet. Before we left she told us to stop in the orchard and help ourselves to the mulberries and currants, apples and peaches.

When we grew up, these simple childhood pursuits become only pleasant memories. But that does not mean we should stop taking time to play.

Last week I was reading *Success*, the Glenn Bland Method, and came across this idea: "Your life is made up of four major areas — spiritual, financial, educational, and recreational. Without proper blend and emphasis upon these four areas, your life will be out of balance."

I keep thinking, When will I have time to play? Suddenly I realize: Only I can choose how I will spend my time. Can't I mark (in advance) some time for play, as well as work, study, and worship? My body is a temple. Without relaxation it may soon fall down.

Book Reviews

AN OUTLINED STUDY OF MARK'S GOSPEL by L. E. Green.

Dr. Green handles the distribution of his outline studies. This one is 42 pages of typewritten material, single spaced. Ordered from L. E. Green, 4507 Fort Street, Pascagoula, Miss. 39567, the outline is \$2. It will be available during the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Nov. 13-15, for \$1.

The January Bible Study book is Mark, and this retired Baptist pastor has prepared his annual outlined study of the book for the Bible study. Dr. Green gives background material for Mark and discusses the writer and his source of information. He also discusses the people to whom the gospel was addressed, the date and place of the writing, the characteristics of the book, and the viewpoint that it presents of Jesus.

He points out that the book was addressed to Gentile Christians who had been persecuted by the Roman emperors and that its basis is from the witness of Christians who had seen and known Jesus by experience.

Dr. Green shows that the viewpoint of Jesus in Mark is that of the Servant of Jehovah and declares that the Servant's deity is shown in the wilderness and in His authority, in His power, by His prophecy, in His death, and in His resurrection.

WOMEN LIKE US by Maggie Mason (Word Books, paper, \$3.95) The author offers a close-up look into the lives of 15 women of the Bible. She sketches their drives, personalities, and emotions with warm insight. These women, she says, "brought themselves and all they were in their encounters with God, just as we do." The women she includes are Mary Magdalene, the Queen of Sheba, the woman at the well, Miriam, Eunice, Salome, Delilah, Michal, Deborah, Hagar, Leah, Rahab, Abigail, Elisabeth, and Priscilla.



The Postman Rings Twice

Twice he has gone to mission fields overseas to work during his vacation. He is a postman by trade and sees his job as a means of paying for his missionary endeavors. I worked with him in Korea and well remember how the pastors and laymen were impressed with his ministry.

Recently a Clarke County man, who works as a janitor, saved his money in order to help a church in Ecuador with their building. He had been influenced by another layman who had been there to help set up a sawmill.

This is Christianity in

In Names The News



Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, held a special service and surprise reception for **Pastor and Mrs. Len B. Turner.** The Turners were completing three years of ministry at the church. Earl Kelly brought greetings from the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The Turners were presented a book of congratulatory letters from friends around the country. The congregation gave both of them watches and a cash gift. During Turner's pastorate the church has had 673 additions, 168 coming by baptism. A 1,200 seat auditorium is nearing completion, plus Sunday School space to accommodate 400 additions, and new administrative space.

John Graeter, pastor of Oak Hill Church, Pearl River Association, was honored with a surprise fellowship hour Sunday night, Oct. 8, on his first anniversary as pastor of the church. The congregation presented him with a suit, shirt, and tie. Charles Powell, youth and music director, was in charge of entertainment.

The **J. B. Betts** family, music evangelists and recording artists, will present a concert of sacred gospel music at Calvary Church, Batesville, on Sunday night, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. The Betts have recently moved to Brookhaven from Southaven. Betts and his daughter Marsha are used extensively as evangelistic singers in revival meetings. When no revivals are scheduled they are joined by Marion, Mary, Melody and James to present family concerts. The family will also sing in the morning worship services at Calvary as a part of Victory Sunday Celebration which will climax a month-long attendance drive. The pastor is Floyd Higginbotham.

Ralph E. Norton, who will retire Dec. 31, 1978, as executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will become minister of pastoral care at Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 8.

Andy Taggart, Mississippi College senior from Moss Point, has been chosen as a participant in the Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi Program. Young business and professional

leaders, and a limited number of outstanding college and university students were selected to attend the two-day seminar. The 50 delegates will hear discussions of the national economic scene, Mississippi's economy, and political and educational influences on economic opportunities at the fifth annual leadership training program. Taggart is president of the Student Body Association at Mississippi College.

Spiritual Emphasis Week leader at Clarke College recently was **Bill Baker**, pastor of First Church, Clinton. The week of emphasis on deepening the Christian life and Christian commitment was under the general supervision of director of religious activities, **J. B. Costlow**. Members of the BSU Council, with the president, **Danny Lynn** leading, assumed responsibility for the various areas of the week's activities. Baker is a former member of the Clarke Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Irene Freeman was presented an 11-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School at Mt. Pleasant Church, Amite County, on Oct. 8. She has been a member of the church near Gloster for 54 years, and is active in WMU. In recent months she has read the Bible through twice. **Hansel Huff** is the Sunday School director at Mt. Pleasant and **Terry Johnston** is pastor



Mrs. Hattie Leatherwood (left) has received a 27-year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Mrs. Leatherwood (known as "Mam maw Hattie" by her kids) is nursery worker at Calvary Church, Corinth. **Neal Thompson**, Sunday School director, right, presented the pin.

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Ralph E. Norton, who will retire Dec. 31, 1978, as executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will become minister of pastoral care at Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 8.

Clyde Pullen has accepted the pastorate of Glendale Church, Washington County. He moved there from Smyrna Church, Hazelhurst. He graduated from New Orleans Seminary in May of this year. Pullen and his wife Janie have three children, Hettie, Jon, and Kelly. Their new address is Route 1, Box 534A, Leland, MS 38756.

Sen. Maryon Allen will speak at Alabama Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Oct. 26 in Marion, Ala. The Hall is located at Judson College, a Baptist college and the only woman's college in the state. The address by the U.S. senator will highlight the installation of the late **Pattie Ruffner Jacobs** (1875-1939), an ardent worker for woman's suffrage and improved working conditions, and the late **Annie Brown Forney Daugette** (1876-1974), Southern patriot. The two will be installed by **Marie Stokes Jemison** and **Dean Margaret Sizemore** of Birmingham. The address will be given at 11 a.m. in Jewett Hall at Judson.

Bethel Church, Monticello, ordained **Douglas Johnson** and **Ronald Pevey** as deacons on Oct. 15. **Ken Marler**, pastor, preached the ordination sermon. **George Lee**, director of missions, led in the ordination prayer. **Sherrod Rayborn** is chairman of deacons at Bethel.

John R. Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, will speak at Ole Miss on April 24. He will be the closing speaker for the Religious Emphasis Speaker Series at the university, sponsored by an interfaith group. He served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Texas before coming to Jackson. He has lectured at several seminaries and delivered this year's Beecher Lectures at Yale University.

Jerry Clower was honored Oct. 4 at a Yazoo County catfish reception held at Top Billing, his management and booking agency in Nashville, Tenn., for the release of his newest album "LIVE FROM THE STAGE OF THE GRAND OLE OPRY!" Clower, one of MCA's leading recording artists whose records have sold millions, releases one album a year. Released on MCA Records Oct. 1, the album includes 17 stories written by Clower and produced by Snuffy Miller.



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Staff Changes

Trinity Church, Monroe County, has called **David E. Smith** as pastor. He and Mrs. Smith moved from Sheffield, Ala., where he was pastor of the Hatch Boulevard Church.

New Hope Church in Attala Association has called **William Herbert Tanksley** as pastor. He and his wife have already moved into the pastorate. They came to Attala County Association from Flora, and until recently he was in military service.

Keyboard Festivals Handbook Mailed

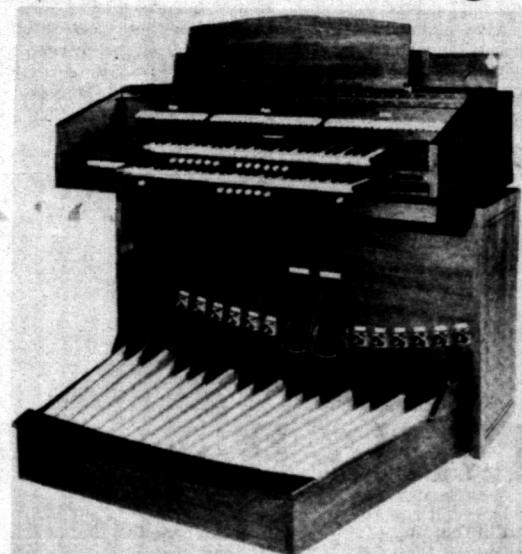
The Handbook for the Mississippi Baptist Keyboard Festivals 1979, has been mailed to a number of churches by Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Those interested in having participants in the festivals which did not receive a Keyboard Festival Handbook, please contact the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.



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Glendale Dedicates Sanctuary

First Church of Glendale, Hattiesburg, dedicated its new sanctuary during a recent homecoming service. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker. Along with completion of a new sanctuary, the existing church building was renovated. Cliff Estes is pastor. (Photo by Mini Elkins)

34th Year Was Bennett's Best At Byram

Homecoming will be the main event at Byram Church on Oct. 29. The Sunday School attendance goal is 400.

The church added 155 members last year, the best year, in Henry J. Bennett's 34 years as pastor.

Record attendance of former members and friends is expected for homecoming; dinner will be served at church.

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Lauderdale Men Build In California

Twelve men from Lauderdale County recently helped to construct a church in Alta, Calif. Left to right, front row: E. C. Wells, pastor, Marion, FBC; Johnny Anderson, New Hope; second row: M. L. Flynt, Jr., FBC, Meridian; Joe Buntry, FBC, Collinsville; Dennis Aucion, Oakland Heights; Jimmy D. Garrard, pastor, Bailey and Bethany churches; Turner S. Pigford, FBC, Collinsville; third row: Joe Strahan, pastor, Mt. Olive; R. C. Smith, Highland; and Calvin Mills, Kenneth Livingston, and J. M. Snowden, all of FBC, Collinsville where Snowden is pastor.



CALVARY CHURCH, CORINTH, broke ground Sept. 17 for a new educational building. Pictured in front are the pastor and building committee. Left to right: Gerald Wegman, B. Dan Taylor, Wayne Marshall (pastor), James Newcomb, and Jan Barnett. Bill Nelson (not pictured) also was on the committee. Lunch was served following the ceremony. Work on the new structure began Sept. 25, 1978, with Travis Wallace as contractor. Work should be completed by the new year.



CROWDER BAPTISTS gathered to break ground for a new pastorate on Aug. 27. The pastorate will have three bedrooms, two baths, den, kitchen, living-dining combination, utility room, besides a guest bedroom and bath located across the carpet. Left to right are: Mrs. Earl Whaley; L. W. Gee, builder; Mrs. Truman Scarborough; Pat Atkinson, chairman of deacons; Truman Scarborough, pastor; Earl Whaley; J. R. Waller, Jr.; A. C. Atkinson; Perry Bailey; Billy Holcombe, chairman of Building Committee; and Bobby Shields. Not pictured are Marion Choate, chairman of Finance Committee, and Ray Turner. (Photo by Max Schiele).

Missionary News

Sam and Ginny Cannata, missionaries to Kenya, received 20 year service pins at the first annual meeting of the Baptist Mission of Kenya (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in that country). They may be addressed at Box 598, Kisumu, Kenya. He is a native of Houston, Texas, and she is the former Virginia Currey of Mississippi.

Byron and Dora Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 221, 50000 Recife, PE, Brazil). He was born in Tuscaloosa County, Ala. She is from McLaurin, Miss.

Potts Camp Turns Gas Station Into Sunday School Space

First Church, Potts Camp dedicated an education building Oct. 1 that was originally a Texaco service station but now provides 1,350 sq. ft. of Sunday School space.

The church bought the building last January, according to the pastor, Alvin K. Cooper, and the church members gave \$6,000 for renovating the station, inside and outside.

The space provided seven Sunday School rooms, one large nursery, three restrooms, and office space for records.

Men, women, and young people provided skills and labor, Marshall Clifton, Roy Foote, and Estelle King furnishing the main supply of labor. These three worked for six weeks, six days a week, in order to complete the job in time for dedication the first Sunday of the new church year.

Flick Ash provided a new roof and Edward Overall picked up the tab for remaining expenses after the church members had given over \$4,000.

First, Potts Camp has also built a \$50,000 pastorium and reduced the debt on it to \$18,000 in less than three

years. They have given over \$5,000 each of those years to the Cooperative Program and nearly \$1,500 to associational missions.

The church reports 300 resident and non-resident members, and around 100 active members.

Chester Estes Will Join World Literature Crusade

Chester Thomas Estes, Jr., pastor of Liberty Church, Thomasville, Ala. for the last 19 months, has been invited to join the staff of World Literature Crusade, Los Angeles, Calif., as one of their host-instructors in the CHANGE THE WORLD SCHOOL OF PRAYER seminar sponsored by World Literature Crusade. World Literature Crusade is an interdenominational evangelical/missionary organization. The

Estes

primary objective of WLC is the distribution of the Gospel overseas through the printed page.

Estes, a Southern Baptist pastor for more than 20 years in churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be responsible for CHANGE THE WORLD SCHOOL OF PRAYER throughout Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and other areas as assigned.

He is a Clarke College and William Carey College graduate. He has studied at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary and is presently doing work with Luther Rice Seminary.

Chester and Shirley Estes and their 19 month old son, Chet, will be making their home in Union, Mississippi. They are members of First Church, Union, Douglas White, pastor.

Estes is available for pulpit supply on weekends when he is home. His address is Route 2, Box 235, Union, Mississippi 39365. He can be reached by phoning 601/774-8308.

Devotional

Come Before Winter

By James W. Street, First, Wiggins

II Timothy 4:22

Shadows fill the prison cell and fall across the man, the literal shadows of a waning day, the figurative shadows of a waning life. He stops, remembering. Careful, Paul, not too many memories. Time hangs heavy on his hands. As winter comes, it will hang heavier still.

He wants his books and he wants his parchments. A chill is in the air and on his heart. He wants his coat for his back against the chill of winter. He wants a companion for his loneliness against the chill upon his heart.

It startles us, doesn't it, to see Paul like that? We usually think of him as an aloof figure, off somewhere casting down his sometimes incomprehensible sentences upon our heads, a man who in his fierce singleness had little room for compassion and tenderness. But it was there — the need, the reaching out need, the recognition that few experiences are complete in themselves. It was there — the need to share his feelings, his hopes, his hurts, his joys.

I wonder if Timothy listened and came, striding along the Appian Way while the leaves were still brown and scarlet and Street gold and held hard by the trees. I wonder if he came with his eyes aglow, in the vitality of his young manhood, to bring springtime in November, roses in December, to an old man in his prison cell.

Or did he receive the message and think, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" And wait. And then come spring, did he keep a leisurely rendezvous in Rome while the blossoms were heavy on the air, the voice of the turtle dove was heard in the land, and winter was gone and Paul was dead? Did he stand by a grave and remember, "Do your best to come before winter?" And did his heart break a little, remembering? I wonder how it was.

Revival Dates

Glendale (Washington): Oct. 29-Nov. 3; Clyde Pullen, pastor, evangelist; Gene Green, Southside, Greenville, leading the singing.

Peoples Church (Tippah): Oct. 29-Nov. 1; Sheldon Jones of South Carolina, evangelist; Nov. 5-10, Wiley Gann of Rienzi, evangelist; Randy Isbell, pastor.

It is better that ten guilty persons escape than that one innocent suffer. — Blackstone — Commentaries

Union County Women Are Ready To Teach Adult Non-Readers

The Union County Association has added a new ministry to its missions program. Thirteen Union County women have completed a 16-hour Literacy Missions Workshop which prepares them to teach adult non-readers to read and write and to tutor students with reading difficulties.

Mrs. Ollie Mayhall of Greenville in-

structed the group in the Frank Laubach method, which has been used in over 100 countries in the world and in over 300 languages and dialects.

Literacy Missions is a ministry to adults who have missed the opportunity to learn to read and write, and to the foreign-born who do not know how to speak, read or write English.

The ministry also includes tutoring

for students who need and want extra help with their reading.

"This ministry is a tool for opening the way into share with people the love of Christ and to enlarge their opportunities for fulfillment," states Mrs. Frances Runnels, coordinator of the literacy mission ministry for Union County Association.

"There is a need for literacy missions in Mississippi due to the fact that the state ranks second in the nation in illiteracy," Mrs. Runnels added. "In the southern half of this country, every tenth adult, on the average, is a non-reader. This means that within every church or within the outreach of the church someone is needing this ministry. About half are white and half are non-white, excluding the non-English speaking people."

Statistics reveal, she said, that in the United States, there are 20 million functionally illiterate persons unable to fill out simple job applications and do other necessary reading. In Mississippi there are 137,000.

Others completing the course besides Mrs. Runnels were Wanda Olson, Eloise Bennett, Patsy Williams, Linda Grisham, Margaret Dunlap, Betty Spires, Margaret Lay, Betty Cook, Polly Watkins, Wilma Kidd, June Wood, and Mamie Miller.

Guy Culver is the director of missions for the association.

Pine Springs Will Become Church Nov. 5

Pine Springs Mission, Lauderdale County, will be organized into a church on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Jim Cox, pastor of the Pine Springs Mission, and Leon Young, director of missions, Lauderdale Association, have been working toward this. Young will bring the message during the morning service on Nov. 5.

The meeting for organization will be held at 1:30 after dinner on the ground. Guests from Mississippi Baptist Convention Board headquarters will participate.

Pine Springs Mission has been under the sponsorship of Calvary Church, Meridian, Otis Seal, pastor, and the Lauderdale Association since 1960. Bob Cherry was the mission's first pastor.

Four acres of land where the church is located were deeded to Calvary Church in 1959 by the late Mrs. Dolly Knapp.

Carey Will Conduct One-Day Organ Workshop On The Coast

William Carey College will conduct a one-day organ workshop for church organists on Saturday, Oct. 28. It will be held in the sanctuary of First Church, Gulfport, beginning at 8 a.m.

Utilizing a Wicks pipe organ and an Allen electronic organ, the workshop will deal with such subjects as determining the correct organ to suit the church's needs; care and maintenance of the instrument; organ technique; registration and accompaniment; service music; hymn accompaniment; and resources for the church organist.

Registration may be accomplished by calling William Carey College on the Coast, 896-4455.

Uniform Lesson

Little Barn, Big Fool

By Bill Duncan
Long Beach, First

Luke 12:31

As a little boy, I was taught never to call a person a fool. The reason given was that if a person called his brother a fool he would be liable to be cast into hell. I called people by many other names, but I never called anyone a fool.

When I grew older the curiosity of the subject caused me to seek an explanation for Jesus' statement in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:22). The term "fool" as Jesus used it spoke of a moral fool, a person acting like a fool. Throughout, the Bible speaks of the fool as one who misuses wisdom, disregards the final issues, or acts foolish instead of being reasonable.

The psalmist spoke of the fool who had said in his heart there was no god (Psalm 14:1). Such a man was a moral fool, a man who lived an immoral life, and who in wishful thinking said there was no god. To call a man a fool was not to criticize his mental ability. It was to cast aspersions on his moral character. It was to take his name and reputation from him.

In the parable of the rich farmer, God said to the farmer, "You fool, this very night you must surrender your life; you have made your money — who will get it now?" (NEB)

The tragedy of the parable is that one who had worked so close to God failed because he left God out of his life. To him life's meaning was in accumulating more and more possessions, as if the quality of life could be measured by the number of possessions. His error was not in possessing, but in acquiring his possessions as his first priority in life.

The parable was given to help a person who requested help in a family squabble. A man said to Jesus, "Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me." Apparently, a father had died leaving his estate to his two sons. According to Deuteronomy 21:17, the elder was to receive two-thirds and the younger one-third. Evidently it was the younger who went to Jesus as a rabbi and requested that he settle the question.

The response of Jesus was that he did not intend to be drawn into a family quarrel. This was not His purpose or

mission. It seemed that neither party had a monopoly on the right. Therefore he spoke to both sides (both disputants), "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

Rather than become involved in their struggle, He preached to both sinners. No matter how much or how little property was involved, it was shutting them off from the higher values of life.

To illustrate his point, Jesus spoke the parable of the rich farmer. A certain farmer had a bumper crop, and instead of making him happy it added to his problems. How to use his prosperity caused him to reason with himself.

The first problem was storage and the second was how to use his goods.

The first was solved by tearing down his old barns to build larger ones. There was nothing wrong with that.

But on the second problem, he stumbled. "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

Jesus called such a man a fool. (This is a different Greek word for "fool" but means basically the same.) Why?

First, his life was centered in himself.

Notice in your Bible the number of times the personal reference is made to himself. The truth of the matter is that sin is selfishness.

Second, he thought to feed his soul on material possessions.

Third, in seeking the answer to his problem of wealth, he reasons with himself alone. He sought no advice from God or anyone else. Thus, the only answer he knew was self-indulgence. The application of the story is, "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God." "Rich toward God" is the antithesis to laying up treasures for one's self.

How does one become rich toward God? By taking a direction opposite to that of the rich man — by being sensitive to humanity's needs and hurts, and ministering to them in the name of God.

Johnny Parks is moderator, and W. Levon Moore is director of missions for the Attala Baptist Association.

Instead of gratitude, the farmer's success brought pride. Instead of a sense of obligation to his fellowman, he

thought only of his own pleasure and needs. Instead of faith in God, he put confidence in things.

Jesus, after giving the parable, turned to his disciples and urged them to stop being anxious about food and clothing. This does not mean that we should have no concern about such things, but that we should not be overly anxious about them. These things cannot satisfy man's greatest need. The true values of life are based upon faith in God. Jesus said that we are to stop worrying about things. Worry can shorten life; worry will not add to life, and it certainly will not enrich it.

Therefore, stop seeking food and drink as the end of life and neither live in worried suspense. Those who worship the heavenly Father should realize that he is going to take care of his children and supply their needs.

Instead of worrying about material things, Jesus urged his followers to endeavor to bring the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." It is just as true that where your heart is, there will your treasure be also.

Attala Adds A Church

The Attala Baptist Association now has 32 churches.

The associational meeting in annual session on October 16, voted unanimously to accept the application for membership made earlier this year by the East County Line Church.

The church is located just south of Highway 14 East, and is just across the county line in Winston County. Formerly associated with the old Pearl Valley Association, the church has been independent of associational relationships for several years.

Since early 1978 the church has regularly supported associational missions and the Cooperative Program. The 44 member congregation recently called James Woodson as pastor.

When there is a breakdown in society it can be traced in large measure to the breakdown of the home. Let family life be dissolved and disintegrated and

the nation is in peril. Our peril today lies in this widespread departure from the fifth commandment. Not only are children disobedient to parents, but parents are negligent of their children.

The delinquency of youth is balanced by the delinquency of adults. The youth follows the example of the elder.

The heart of the promise is that where there is respect and honor, then obedience follows. Usually those who have this filial feeling for parents do not find it difficult to obey them and give them their devotion.

The outstanding example of this spirit is in the life of our Lord (Luke 2:41-52). There He went back to Nazareth and was "subject" to Mary and Joseph who were responsible for him in his growing years. Although it seems that Jesus was wise beyond others even at twelve years of age in discussing questions with the religious teachers in the Temple, He did not question when Mary and Joseph asked him to return to Nazareth with them.

From twelve to thirty Jesus lived in that humble home of Nazareth and worked in the carpenter shop. He gave filial loyalty to his home and people. Humility lay in this, but obedience marked the spirit of all He did.

Mutual respect and understanding lie at the base of all human relations. The family cannot be held together without those enduring qualities. Arguments, quarrels, and outright disobedience against parents is a sign that something has gone wrong. Where are the faults? Who is responsible? Of course, if parents are to be honored they should be honorable, so we could reason. But what if they are unreasonable in their demands?

What if a parent is not a Christian, demanding a different conduct from the young person who is a Christian? This is not easy to answer, except that the conscience must guide and finally we ought to obey God rather than man. Again, love and respect to those who might not be worthy of it could be a means of carrying out the command in the true spirit.

II. The Violation
Of The Commandment
(Matthew 15:1-14)

Outside observers most likely could not detect any law-breaking on the part of the religious leaders of our

Lord's day. They prided themselves on their scrupulous obedience to both the written laws of Moses and the oral interpretations and traditions that had been handed down over the centuries.

However, Jesus saw through their externalism, their hypocrisy, and the clever ways they had devised to circumvent some of the commands. In the encounter described in Matthew their deviousness was exposed when Jesus rebuked them for violating the fifth commandment.

Jesus accused his critics of two serious offenses: transgressing the command of God (verse 3), and making void the law of God (verse 6). Both involved the fifth commandment.

To honor father and mother means more than to obey them, especially if this obedience is interpreted in a merely outward sense. It is the inner attitude of the child toward his parents that comes to the fore in the requirement that he honor them. All selfish obedience, or reluctant obedience, or obedience under terror is immediately ruled out. To honor implies to love, to regard highly, to show the spirit of respect and consideration. This honor is to be shown to both of the parents, for as far as the child is concerned they are equal in authority.

What did these Pharisees and scribes do with this clear and definite teaching of the Word of God? The answer is given in verses 5, 6. They were telling the children that there was a way of getting around the heavy burden of having to bestow honor upon their parents by supporting them. If either father or mother, noticing that a son had something which was needed by the parent, asked for it, all that was necessary was for the son to say, "It's a gift," or "an offering."

When people are corrupt enough to teach the younger generation how to evade the requirements of a very important commandment, and are doing this while pretending to be very pious and devout, they deserve to be called hypocrites. This is exactly what Jesus does in verses 7 to 9.

God gives us parents to care for us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Then He places them in our care for the same reasons.